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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,

I am disgusted and embarrassed with the way our Texas Electrical Grid has been run.

This is Texas we are talking about, home of abundant Oil and Natural Gas. Why in the world would we want to tarnish our grand views with hideous wind turbines. It's because of the pressure of environmentalists. That is why I am disgusted, the people with the power to make the decisions have bowed to the pressure of environmentalists. Environmentalism is a religion. Why you endorsing this false religion?

Why were so many ERCOT board members not even Texas Residents?

This shouldn't even be allowed! It's sort of like a mayor who doesn't even live in his own city, or a governor who lives in another state!

The wind turbines were not made ready for the cold weather.

Why wasn't this done? Maybe the blew the money on putting up more wind turbines? Someone needs to find out the answer to this question!

When the demand for electricity grew and the wind turbines failed, it exaggerated the problem and caused a cascading failure.

This again was a failure because the decision makers bowed to the Environmental Radical Extremists. Why? I need an answer to this question.

The electrical production from natural gas depended on electric pumps. So, the wind turbine failure led to a shutdown of the pumps. Therefore, electrical production from natural gas was shut down.

A chain reaction failure caused by the Environmental Radical Extremists' wind turbines. There should have been on-site emergency generators provided to run the natural gas pumps. Why wasn't this done?

With all electric utilities, we were relying on the electricity to continue working. Nevertheless, our electricity quit, during the worst winter weather in my 55-year history. Trying to keep my critical belongings, like engine blocks from being destroyed by freezing temperatures, I burned three BBQ Grill Sized Tanks of propane. When the electricity went off, my pool pump also went off. It froze and cracked open. I had numerous pipes in my garage break workshop break. All the piping in our house froze. If it weren't for expandable PEX tubing, we'd have suffered 10s of thousands of dollars of damage.

So, if that wasn't bad enough, it appears the big liberals like Chuck Schumer are trying to take advantage of your mistakes and pressure you into allowing the federal government to regulate Texas power and connect our grid to other parts of the country. This is absolutely unacceptable. Let me make that clear, Do Not allow any federal regulation or any intertwining our power grid with other parts of the country.

One other serious concern I have that is potentially an even bigger problem is an Electro-Magnetic Pulse.

An Electro-Mechanical Pulse could come from a Sun Spot or Flair, or it could happen by an intentional EMP Bomb detonated above Texas, or even as far away as above Kansas by an enemy like China or Iran or North Korea. This could kill our electrical grid; however, steps could be taken now to harden our grid so that that wouldn't be susceptible to an EMP attack. This has been on your agenda for many years, but for some reason, you have never done it. **You need to do this now!**

Thank you for your attention on these issues.

Sincerely,

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